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Notice of Meeting:

The next meeting of the Club will be held in the Royal Society's Room, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, on Thursday, May 20th, at 7.45 p.m.

Dr. J.M. Gilbert will talk on "The Woodchip Industry".

Next Outing: Saturday, 22nd. May. Leader, L.E. Wall.

To Lake Fenton, National Park, to see the Deciduous Beech in all its autumn glory.
Meet at Hoyt's Prince Theatre at 9.30 a.m.
Private transport.

Last Outing: Fern Tree - Waterworks, 17th April.

Only a small attendance, partly no doubt because it was so soon after Easter, but the day was fine and enjoyed by those attending.
Plants in bud, flower or fruit were recorded, as were all birds seen. The highlight was a good view of a pair of Wedge-tailed Eagles soaring over Chimney Pot Hill - a sight not often seen so close to the city.

New Members:

Elected at last meeting - Miss E.J. Brown, Dr. & Mrs. C.F. Smith, Miss A.L. Conkin and Mrs. J.M. Brown.
Nominated for membership at last meeting - Mrs. A.Z. Mattay, 14 Gray's Rd., Fern Tree.

Easter Camp Review: As mentioned at the last meeting this annual feature will be held in June, instead of in May which has been the practice for many years. Would those members who took any colour slides at the camp please make them available to the President for use at the Review if desired. Apart from the pictorial review there will be reports from members on the botany, birds, etc.

Bird Observers' Assn. of Tas.

Next meeting will be at the Wireless Institute Room, 147 Liverpool St., Hobart, on Friday, 28th May at 8 p.m. The Speaker will be David Milledge. Visitors from this Club are always welcome at these meetings.

Director of National Parks & Wildlife:

The appointment of Mr. Murrell, at present on the Staff of the N.S.W. N.P. & Wildlife Service, is a welcome sign that this State's new authority is starting to take shape. We look forward to meeting him, and wish him well in his new post. He can be assured that this Club will co-operate whenever possible.

Club Library:

You have already been reminded, if that were necessary, that our library is now housed in the bookshelves behind the official table at our meetings, and that David Ziegeler has accepted the duties of Librarian. We hope that now that it is readily available it will receive good use.

There are three main parts to it: (1) stocks of our Club's publications, which date back to its first year of existence (1904), (2) a large selection of magazines or journals published over the years by other Field Naturalists' Clubs throughout Australia, and (3) a number of books on various natural history subjects. In future Bulletins we shall list some of these so that you will have ready reference to what is available.

Natureama:

This is a showing of colour slides of natural history subjects which has been prepared by the Launceston Field Naturalists' Club with the co-operation of other Clubs throughout the State. The screening will be accompanied by a recorded

commentary, which should make it of wide appeal - to non-members as well as to members.

The Lower Town Hall has been chosen as the venue, and the dates for its showing are Friday, 4th June and Saturday, 5th June.

Admission charges will be 50 cents for Adults and 25 cents for Children.

Similar shows have been staged for the past two years but these have not been brought to Hobart before.

However, their successes in Launceston and at N.W. Coast towns have encouraged the promoters to include Hobart in their itinerary this year, and I'm sure that good attendances here will ensure that we will be included in subsequent years.

Would you, please, make this as widely known as possible to ensure its success.

A quotable Quote from our old friend, Walt Disney -

"Nature knows neither good nor bad animals;
the preservation of all species is equally
important."

From Humour Variety (England) -

"With cans and bottles and general upheaval
The picnicker remains the forest's prime evil."

(This is barely in the Humorous category - Ed.)

Committee activities -

- (1) Consideration is being given to a revision of the Club Rules. If any members have any suggestions for improvements please pass them on to any Committee member.
- (2) This year is being observed as Conservation Year in the Girl Guides Movement. Already we have gained three members from leaders, and our Club will surely benefit as a result.
- (3) The printer of "Tas. Naturalist" has been instrumental in gaining for us an exemption from payment of Sales Tax on our journal. We are very grateful to him for this help.

Conservation:

Last year the Commonwealth Parliament set up a Select Committee to investigate Wildlife Conservation needs on a national basis. At present the States have sole control. Our Club made a written submission to the Select Committee, but nothing more was heard of it for many months. This Committee will be sitting in Hobart during the next week and our Club President will be present to support the written submission and to answer questions. We'll give a further report in next Bulletin.
